

Orkney Community Planning Partnership

PARTNERSHIP LIAISON GROUP

Minutes of the twelfth meeting held at 9.30 am on 16 October 2009
in the St. Magnus Suite, Pickaquoy Centre

Present:

Elaine Grieve (<i>Chair</i>)	Orkney Data Sharing Partnership
Rosie Alexander (Deputising for Doreen Rendall)	Orkney Learning and Guidance Forum
Gail Anderson	Third Sector Forum
Gavin Barr	Planning Stakeholders group
Christina Bichan	Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Peter Diamond	School Education
Clare Gee	Orkney Arts Forum
Sally Inkster	Housing Development Forum
Hannah Laird (<i>Secretary</i>)	Community Planning Officer
Chessa Llewellyn-White	Community Economic Development Orkney Group
Michelle Manzie (Deputising for Karen Crichton)	Community Health Partnership
John Richards	Housing Development Forum
Joyce Slater	Orkney Learning and Guidance Forum
Maureen Spence	OIC Community Council Liaison
Marlene Westland	Healthy Communities Group
Anna Whelan	OCPP Steering Group Secretary

In attendance by invitation, Alison MacCorquodale (Comhairle nan Eilean Siar) Financial Inclusion Champion.

1. Apologies for absence

1.1	Karen Crichton	Community Health Partnership
	Ruth Kirkpatrick	Economic Development
	Gillian Morrison	Community Safety Partnership
	Doreen Rendall	Orkney Learning and Guidance Forum

2. Guest Alison MacCorquodale to deliver a presentation on Financial Inclusion and Champions Initiative

- 2.1 Alison MacCorquodale presented the topic with particular focus on the Western Isles Credit Union and the research about expanding services to the North East of Scotland. Some points from the presentation are summarised below:

- The OCPP may want to consider implementing a 'Tackling Poverty Framework' linked to the SOA.
- The Western Isles Credit Union provides services to 1,100 members within a population of 26,000. Current services include affordable loans, bank accounts and money management advice. Expansion of the Credit Union could mean that mortgages could be offered to members.
- Western Isles undertook research into the level of fuel poverty in Orkney and found that in some areas it is high. Alison to send this research through and Hannah to distribute to the group.

Action: HL

- Alison has assisted with a development day in Moray, where the credit union could be discussed further.

2.2 The Chair asked that a development take place in Orkney with a widespread attendance from a mix of agencies and to include frontline staff. Alison offered assistance with this, which was appreciated and it was agreed that she would liaise with Hannah to plan for this event.

Action: HL

3. Minute of the last meeting – 10 August 2009

3.1 Marlene Westland did not attend this meeting and was to be removed from the attendance list.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 There were no matters arising from the minute of 10 August 2009.

5. Draft minute of Steering Group meeting held 19 August 2009

5.1 It was noted that there should be a change to the Steering Group minute item 8.1 it should read that the data related to Orkney and not Scotland.

6. Draft agenda for the next Steering Group meeting on 16 November 2009

6.1 Following the presentation from Alison MacCorquodale, it was agreed to include Financial Inclusion on the Steering Group agenda.

7. Fairer Scotland Fund

7.1 The Chair explained the current position of the fund, which was that a report was to be submitted to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 25th November and then ratified at the meeting of the Full Council in December. This would recommend funds are released from the Council to support projects in receipt of Fairer Scotland Funding for the current financial year who require continuation funding in 2010/11.

- 7.2 The decision regarding the remaining funding will be taken by the Council in February along with the rest of the budget setting.
- 7.3 All 2009/10 projects had been written to asking whether or not they required continuation funding and an interim report upon current progress. These requests for continuation funding need to be considered and recommendations made to the Steering Group for their meeting of 16 November 2009.
- 7.4 It was agreed that the original sub-group of the Partnership Liaison Group be reconvened to consider the requests for continuation funding. Hannah Laird to arrange for this group to be reconvened.
- Action: HL**
- 7.5 It was noted that the Partnership Liaison Group believes there to be missed opportunities for new projects using this process, although equally there was acknowledgment that successful projects will be able to protect employment contracts.

8. Corporate Parenting

- 8.1 It was noted that a report was submitted to the August meeting of the Steering Group. At this meeting, it was agreed that a Partnership wide Corporate Parenting statement should be developed, based upon Orkney Islands Council's statement.

9. Update from thematic groups

Data Sharing Partnership:

- 9.1 Elaine Grieve is the Chair of this group, which was formed to improve electronic communication between agencies, with a particular focus on confidential information. She explained that in order to send and receive confidential information via e-mail there should be a GSI e-mail address. She encouraged agencies to check whether or not they have a GSI system in place for e-mails.
- 9.2 They have also taken forward projects such as Child Protection Messaging and PARIS, which is the system for sharing client information between the Council, NHS Orkney and other relevant organizations such as Northern Constabulary.
- 9.3 The Data Sharing Partnership is now resting and will become active on an ad-hoc basis.

Orkney Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

- 9.4 From the 28th September DASAT (Drugs, Alcohol and Smoking Action Team) ceased and was replaced with the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) on 1st October. This has been set up following guidance from the Scottish Government as to what is expected from each area.

9.5 Christina Bichan presented the ADP strategy 2009-2012 which is available on their website and has been circulated to the Partnership Liaison Group.

9.6 Smoking will now be dealt with separately by Health Promotions.

10. Any other business

10.1 Hannah Laird offered to attend thematic groups if requested to go through the monitoring arrangements for the SOA. John asked that she attend the Housing Forum on 11th November.

10.2 Clare Gee informed the group that the isles year of culture will be in 2011, formally called 'Scotland's Islands 2011' and that she is the representative. Anyone who would like more information is invited to speak to Clare.

10.3 Gavin Barr reported progress on the Local Development Plan, that the main issues report will be reported to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee on 25th November. From 20th November the large scale consultation will begin and this will run until March. Gavin also expressed thanks to the partners who have contributed to this so far.

10.4 A Business Engagement event hosted by the Council and HIE Orkney will take place late November/early December.

10.5 The Youth Café will open on 27 November 2009. Two Young People's positions and a Youth Café Manager are to be appointed. Christina Bichan asked that organisations think about people over the aged of 18 who may be interested in volunteering at the Youth Café and if they know of anyone to get in contact with her or Malcolm Graves. The Drop-in will be open to in S3 or above initially. Other nights are specifically open to other groups such as primary school aged children and the PHAB club.

Hannah Laird
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